Saarland University is a campus university with an international reputation for research excellence, particularly in computer science and in the life sciences and nanosciences. The university is also distinguished by its close ties to France and its strong European focus. Around 17,000 students, studying over one hundred different academic disciplines, are currently enrolled at Saarland University. Saarland University is officially recognized as one of Germany’s family-friendly higher-education institutions and with a combined workforce of more than 4000 it is one of the largest employers in the region.

The Department of Language Science and Technology is inviting applications for the following position commencing 01 September 2021

**Academic research assistant (m/f/x)**

**Reference number W1930**, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale¹, pay grade: E13 (100%), employment: September 2021 (or later), 3 years with possibility of renewal of contract 100% of standard working time.

**Workplace/Department:**
Computational Linguistics / Department of Language Science and Technology

**Job requirements and responsibilities:**
- Research and teaching in computational linguistics, on topics that are of interest to the research group. These include semantic and syntactic parsing, dialogue, and natural language generation.
- The position comes with a teaching load of four hours per week in the BSc Computational Linguistics (German), the MSc Language Science and Technology (English), or the Erasmus Mundus MSc Language and Communication Technologies (English).
- You should have expertise in neural and/or linguistically principled methods in computational linguistics, demonstrated through high-quality publications, and be willing to take an active role in shaping the research and teaching environment of the department.

**Your academic qualifications:**
- Doctoral degree / PhD in computational linguistics, computer science, or a related discipline.

The position could theoretically also be filled with a PhD student, who would then be paid according to the E13 75% salary scale. In this case, the requirement is an MSc in computational linguistics, computer science, or a related discipline.

**The successful candidate will also be expected to:**

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¹ TV-L = collective agreement on remuneration of public sector employees in the German Länder
• Proficiency in English (spoken and written) is required. The ability to teach in German is a plus.

**What we can offer you:**

• A flexible work schedule allowing you to balance work and family
• A broad range of further education and professional development programmes
• An occupational health management model with numerous attractive options, such as our university sports programme
• Supplementary pension scheme (RZVK)
• Discounted tickets on local public transport services (‘Jobticket’)

We look forward to receiving your **(written) application** no later than 18 July 2021. Please quote reference number W1930 when applying.

Please submit your application at [http://apply.coli.uni-saarland.de/ak21](http://apply.coli.uni-saarland.de/ak21)

Include a single PDF file with the following information:
(1) a statement of research interests that motivates why you are applying for this position and outlines your research agenda;
(2) a full CV including your list of publications;
(3) scans of transcripts and academic degree certificates;
(4) the names, affiliations, and e-mail addresses of two people who can provide letters of reference for you.

Otherwise your application can be sent to the following address:

Universität des Saarlandes
Herr Prof. Dr. Alexander Koller
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66123 Saarbrücken
Email: sek-ak@coli.uni-saarland.de

Application documents will not be returned. Please only submit copies of your documents and do not use plastic wallets, folders, ring binders, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact us for assistance.

Your contact:
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In accordance with the objectives of its equal opportunities plan, Saarland University seeks to increase the proportion of women in this field. Qualified women candidates are therefore strongly encouraged to apply. Preferential consideration will be given to applications from disabled candidates of equal eligibility. The successful candidate has the option of choosing to work part-time in this position.

Pay grade classification is based on the particular details of the position held and the extent to which the applicant meets the requirements of the pay grade within the TV-L salary scale.

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